IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A landing flap guide for aircraft,

wherein a guide element is connected to a landing flap that is supported in a guide rail and that is adjustable between a take-off position and a landing position, wherein the guide element ~~(4)~~ is realized as a slide that is adjustable in the form of ~~an essentially~~ substantially straight landing flap carrier ~~(3)~~ as a guide by means of at least one glide guide ~~(41, 42; 43, 44)~~ of the landing flap carrier; ~~(3).~~

~~wherein the glide guide comprises at least one glide element as well as an assigned recess, into which the glide element extends and in which it is guided in a gliding manner;~~ and

~~wherein a first and a second glide guide are provided that respectively comprise three glide pairs and are designed for at least absorbing forces that essentially act upon the landing flap carrier perpendicularly.~~

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The landing flap guide of ~~one of~~ claims ~~1 to 3~~, wherein the air loads exerted by the landing flap ~~(1)~~ are absorbable by a first and a second glide pair ~~(43, 44)~~ and mass forces are absorbable by a third glide pair ~~(43, 44)~~.

5. (currently amended) The landing flap guide of ~~one of~~ claims ~~1 to 4~~, wherein at least one glide guide ~~(41, 42; 43, 44)~~ has glide surfaces that are made of at least one material

of the following group: metals with coating, metals without coating, ceramics, synthetic materials with embedded ceramics or metals, fiber-reinforced synthetic materials, fiber-reinforced ceramics, ~~as well as~~ and carbon layers applied onto a substrate in a plasma.

6. (new) A guide for a landing flap of an aircraft, comprising:

a guide element;

a guide rail; and

at least one glide guide, including:

a glide element connected to the guide element, and

a recess element disposed within the guide rail;

wherein the glide element extends into and is guided within the recess element in a gliding manner;

wherein the guide element is connected to the landing flap; and

wherein the guide rail supports the landing flap through the guide element.

7. (new) The landing flap guide of claim 6,

wherein the at least one glide guide is adapted to absorb forces that act substantially perpendicularly upon the guide rail.

8. (new) The landing flap guide of claim 6, wherein the at least one glide guide includes two glide guides adapted to absorb air loads and one glide guide adapted to absorb mass forces.

9. (new) The landing flap guide of claim 8, wherein the at least one glide guide includes at least one glide surface made of at least one material selected from the group consisting of metals with coating, metals without coating, ceramics, synthetic materials with embedded ceramics or metals, fiber-reinforced synthetic materials, fiber-reinforced ceramics, and carbon layers applied onto a substrate in a plasma.